

## United States Senate

November 9, 2023

The Honorable Merrick Garland  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Garland,

I write regarding reports that so-called “journalists” employed by the Associated Press, CNN, New York Times, and Reuters accompanied Hamas terrorists into Israel during the October 7 terror attack. These individuals almost certainly knew about the attack in advance, and even participated by accompanying Hamas terrorists during the attack and filming the heinous acts. In at least one case, one of the individuals affiliated with these media outlets even took a selfie while being kissed on the cheek by a Hamas leader who helped mastermind the attack. Providing material support or assistance, including funding, to a terrorist organization such as Hamas is a federal crime. The Department of Justice must immediately open a national security investigation into these four media outlets to determine whether they or their leadership committed federal crimes by supporting Hamas terrorists.

Thank you for your attention to this vital matter of national security.

Sincerely,



Tom Cotton  
United States Senator